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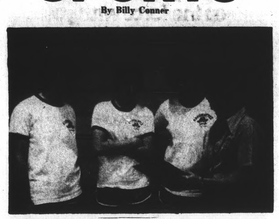
By Billy Conner



RAIDERETTE TRI-CAPTAINS Debbie Smith, left, Johnna Belter, center and Annette Carter prepare for practice session with coach Mary Tolley. These girls, all seniors, will be leading the Raiderette Basketball Team this season.

Little League Basketball Sign-Up

There will be a sign-up this Saturday morning (Nov. 24) between 10 - 11 a.m. in the circle at the Middle School for those who wish to play in the Little League Basketball program this year. Anyone between the age of 8 and 13 years of age may sign-up. There will be a $3.00 registration fee for each child.

Coaches are also needed very much for this program. Anyone wishing to help, please stop by the school that morning or call Billy Thompson at 352-7304.

Date_____

_____ has my permission to play in the Appomattox Little League Basketball Program for this coming year, 1979-80. The coaches, officials, schools, youth association and those other involved in any way are not responsible for any injuries or accidents. Appomattox Youth Assoc.

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Raiderettes Seek To Improve District Record

With the opening of the girls basketball season little more than a week away, the Raiderettes are busy going through their daily practice with one thought in mind, improve last years 7 - 9 mark.

The team will be led by returning lettermen, Annette Carter, Sr., Debbie Smith, Sr., Johnna Belter, Sr. and Susan Handy, Jr., Karen Johnson, Jr., Robin Martin, Jr. and Lolita Preston, Soph. all have previous varsity experience. Up from the J.V. squad are Tam Davis, Soph., Angie Murray, Soph., Rhonda Jaggars, Soph., Janis Richardson, Soph., and Ruby Smith, Freshman.

According to Coach Mary Tolley, the team will have to offset their height disadvantage by hustle and desire. She would like to see better shot selections and improvements in the three key catagories, foul shooting (41% last year), floor shooting, (27% last year) and rebounding, (27% last year). Another factor will be how fast the new team members adjust to give the Raiderettes depth.

Annette Carter, 5'6½", led the team in points (10 per game), rebounds and steals last year. Can play guard or forward position.

Debbie Smith, 5'7", forward/center used as a reserve last year, averaged 4 points per game.

Johnna Belter, 5'4", guard - averaged 2 points per game last year.

Susan Handy, 5'6", guard/forward - averaged 7 points per game last year.

Karen Johnson, 5'5", guard/forward - limited action as sophomore.

Robin Martin, 5'9", center/forward - limited action as sophomore.

Lolita Preston, 5'3", guard - limited playing time last year.

Tam Davis, 5'5", guard - transfer from Amherst County.

Angie Murray, 5'1", guard.

Janis Richardson, 5'9", center.

Rhonda Jaggars, 5'7", forward/center.

Ruby Smith, 5'5", guard/forward.

Raiderettes open season with non-district game at E. C. Glass, Seminole District competition will begin Dec. 4 when Gretna comes to Appomattox. This will be followed quickly by games with William Campbell here on Dec. 7 and Liberty away on Dec. 8.

Competition in the district is expected to be strong with a slight edge going to Rustburg and Gretna.

Va. Fibre Reports Weekly Wood Purchases

Listed below is the total dollar volume of wood purchased by Virginia Fibre Corporation of Riverville for the week ending November 11, 1979. Purchases are listed by counties.

Albermarle	12,667.99
Amelia	6,893.36
Amherst	11,254.20
Appomattox	13,414.28
Bedford-County	3,504.22
Buckingham	21,066.97
Campbell	4,251.25
Charlotte	16,172.72
Cumberland	19,784.86
Fluvanna	2,031.39
Goochland	755.90
Halifax	1,764.81
Nelson	9,654.95
Pittsylvania	1,605.00
Powhatan	2,779.90
Prince Edward	19,372.05
Prince William	1,091.07
Rockbridge	1,160.33
	149,235.25

We feel this information will be of interest to our readers in Appomattox County as well as in adjoining counties.

Assembly To Present Special Program Sunday

The local Appomattox Assembly will present a special program this Sunday evening at 6 p.m. in the local elementary school. All members and friends are cordially invited to be present. Several musical groups will appear on the program. Certificates of recognition will be presented to several Assembly members for their loyal support during workings of the local organization. Mrs. Hannah Rice is chairman of the special program.

A very large crowd of relatives and friends attended the funeral services of the late Mrs. Bettie Ann Flood at the Galilee Baptist Church Monday at 2 p.m. The pastor of the church presided. The following order of service was presented: Prelude, Processional, Opening selection, Scripture, Prayer, Musical selection, Acknowledgements and expressions, Solo, Eulogy, Recessional. The pastor was assisted by the Reverends James H. Franklin of Pamplin, Va. who also sang a solo and the Rev. Mr. Johnson, pastor of the Union Baptist Church, Baltimore, Md. who also read the scripture and gave expressions. Commital was held in the family cemetery. West Funeral Home was in charge of arrangements. Floral designs were in large numbers. The family and friends were served dinner in the fellowship hall of the church.

All members and friends of the Promise Land Baptist Church are asked to attend the regular preaching service this Sunday morning at 11 a.m.

Impressive service was held at the Galilee Baptist Church last Sunday morning. The pastor delivered a challenging Pre-Thanksgiving sermon. Beautiful music was rendered by the senior choir. Several visitors attended the service.

The Mount Shiloh Church of Spout Spring, Va. will conduct its annual religious service this Sunday evening at 2 p.m. at the Pine View Nursing Home. Friends are welcomed.

Mr. and Mrs. George Martin are spending a vacation in New York as the guest of their sons and their families.

The Reverend Raymond H. Turner, pastor of the St. Mark Baptist Church, Amherst, Va. was given an appreciation service last Saturday evening in honor of fifteen years of faithful service as pastor. The Rev. R. Q. Lawing, Jr. of Buckingham, Va. delivered the sermon and special music was rendered by Mr. Timotheous Lawing. The following program was carried out with Mrs. Annie Hudson serving as Mistress of ceremony: Opening Hymn, congregation; Scripture, Mrs. Ernestine Rose; Prayer, Rev. R.Q. Lawing, Sr. Welcome address, Master Hudson; Response, Mrs. Lucille Rose, Musical selection, Mr. Tim Lawing; Pastors Autobiography, Mrs. Ollie Thomas; Introduction of speaker, Elder J. C. Thompson; Sermon, Rev. R. Q. Lawing, Jr. Music, Mr. Tim Lawing; Offering, Deacons Radford Hudson, James Massie and George Harvey; Presentations by church clubs and the M. C. of the program; Remarks, by the pastor; Closing hymn and benediction, Guest speaker. A reception was held in the fellowship hall of the church.

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Raiders Capture Six All-Seminole District Spots

Jefferson Forest, Appomattox and Rustburg dominated the First Team 1979 All-Seminole District football team filling 20 of the 27 positions.

District co-champion, Forest, had nine players selected for the honor followed by the Raiders with six and the Red Devils with five.

Amherst County, who shared the title with the Cavaliers could garner no more than three places in the elite group.

Raiders named to the team include, Darrell Schrock, offensive end, Gus Paulette, offensive tackle/punter, Terry Woods, running back, Ernest Daye, defensive end, and William Scott, linebacker.

Honorable mention goes to offensive end, Ernest Daye, offensive guard, Kevin O'Brien, center, Tony Ferguson, defensive end, Larry Kelso, linebacker, Steve Cobb, linebacker, K. W. Burks.

Stars At a Glance

FIRST TEAM OFFENSE
Ends - Mike Payne (Rustburg)
Darrell Schrock (Appomattox)
Tackles - Todd Fulks (J. Forest)
Gus Paulette (Appomattox)
Guards - Chris Ray (Brookville)
Jim Canady (J. Forest)
Center - Steve Farmer (Rustburg)
Quarterback - Ken Anthony (Rustburg)
Running Backs - Monzell Jefferson (J. Forest)
Toby Thompson (J. Forest)
Terry Woods (Appomattox)
Kenny Dixon (Amherst)

FIRST-TEAM DEFENSE
Ends - Ernest Daye (Appomattox)
Wilbert Thomas (Amherst)
Tackles - Freddie Jackson (Wm. Campbell)
Jeff Calloway (J. Forest)
Jonathan Massie (Amherst)
Linebackers - David Allen (J. Forest)
William Scott (Appomattox)
Micah Moon (Altavista)
Jeff Myers (Rustburg)
Backs - David Scott (Wm. Campbell)
Billy Ayers (J. Forest)
Thurmond Lewis (Rustburg)
SPECIALTY TEAMS
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Banton Receives Award

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Stacy Roach Celebrates Birthday

Stacy Roach, center, celebrated her 7th birthday recently with a party at A. J. Skateworld. Attending were, left to right, Mary Helen McLaughlin, Shane Johnson, Rockey Motley, Priscilla Bryant, Michelle Romanano, David Woods, Ron Romanac, Shaune Bryant, Cindy Bryant, Jennifer Paulette, Tonya Moore and Greg Lucado.

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Work Credits Needed For SS Benefits

By: Robert S. Thackston
Social Security District Manager in Lynchburg

"How long must I work under social security before I can get monthly benefits?" Many people nearing retirement ask this question. So do younger workers wanting to know what protection their families can count on should they die or become severely disabled.

Most employed and self-employed people today earn credits that count toward future social security benefits. They include those working full time, such as factory workers and businessmen, as well as housewives and students employed part time young people on active military duty, and millions more. With over 9 out of 10 jobs covered, workers build benefit rights year after year.

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The social security credits these people earn are called "quarters of coverage." In 1979, both employed and self-employed earnings. A person earning $1,040 or more receives the maximum of four credits, or "quarters," for the year.

If you are self-employed, you generally must have a net profit of $400 ask at any social security office how you may still receive credit.

The amount needed to earn a quarter of coverage will go up automatically in future years to keep pace with increases in average wages.

All credits earned from coverage in employment after 1936 and covered self-employment after 1950 can help establish eligibility for social security benefits. The amount of credit needed depends on your age and the type of benefit. Once insured, both you and your dependents are eligible for payments.

A person who retires at 65 in 1980 needs credit for 26 quarters (62 years) to be eligible for monthly retirement benefits and Medicare hospital insurance. No work credits are needed for Medicare medical insurance. Regardless of age, no one needs more than 40 quarters (10 years) of credit to be insured.

The number of credits a person needs to get disability benefits depends on the age disability starts, ranging from as little as 6 quarters (1½ years) for a worker disabled before age 24 to as many as 29 quarters (7¼ years) for people in their fifties or early sixties who become disabled in 1980. Except for blind workers, a certain number of the credits must have been earned in recent years.

For survivors benefits, the amount of credit depends on the worker's age at the time of death. The amount ranges from 6 to 29 quarters if the worker dies in 1980. However, cash payments can be made to a worker's children and their mother of father if the worker was covered under social security 1½ years (6 quarters) in the 3 years before death.

Having enough credit means only that you or your family can receive benefits. The actual amount of the check depends on your earnings over a period of years.

It is important that you receive credit for all your earnings covered by social security. Keep copies of all Forms W-2 (Wage and Tax Statement) your employers give you the end of each year, as well as record of any self-employment income you report.

Then, every few years, request a free statement of earnings recorded to your social security record. You can get a post card form for this purpose at any social security office. If you find an omission or error on the statement, both of your W-2's or tax returns to the social security office so a correction can be made.

If you wish more information on this subject, ask at any social security office for the leaflet, "Social security credits--how you earn them."

Q. I worked under social security from 1957 to 1963 and then stopped to raise a family. I'm planning on going back to work and am wondering if I still have credit for that earlier coveage?

A. Any covered wages you earned after 1936, or any covered self-employment earnings after 1950, remain a permanent part of your record and can count toward future benefits.

Q. I work seasonally and earn about $9,000 in 6 months. Since I'm unemployed the other half of the year, does that mean I can't get any social security credit for that period?

A. In 1979 you earn one quarter of coverage for each $260 of annual earnings, up to a maximum of four credits if your earn $1,040 or more. It does not matter when during the year you earn the money.

Q. My claim for disability benefits was turned down because I didn't have enough work credits to be insured. I don't understand this because I've worked under social security off and on for the past 25 years.

A. To qualify for disability benefits, you not only need to have a certain amount of covered work, but a specific number of credits must have been earned in recent years. The people at any social security office will be glad to explain this further.

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